

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Please amend the drawings by replacing the originally filed drawing sheet including Figures 3 and 4 with the replacement sheet appended to this Reply. A marked-up sheet including handwritten annotations showing the changes reflected on the replacement sheet is also appended to this Reply.

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, and 20 remain in this application, and claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, 12-14, and 17-19 are canceled. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

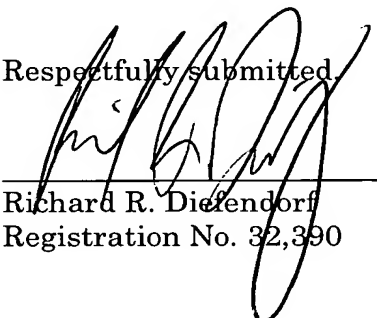
Reference number 19 was originally and is presently included in Figure 4 (previously designated "Detail X." It is respectfully submitted that the objections to the drawings set forth in sections 2 and 3 on pages 2-3 of the Office Action should be withdrawn in view of this and in view of the drawing amendments mentioned above.

Claims 3 and 15 are rewritten above in the manner referred to by the Examiner in section 7 on page 5 of the Office Action and should now be allowable. Claims 4, 8, 10, and 11, which depend on claim 3, and claims 16 and 20, which depend on claim 15, should be allowable as well. All other claims previously appearing in this application are canceled, the rejection based on the Shimizu et al. and Lincoln documents set forth in sections 5 and 6 on pages 3-4 of the Office Action is moot, and it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in allowable condition.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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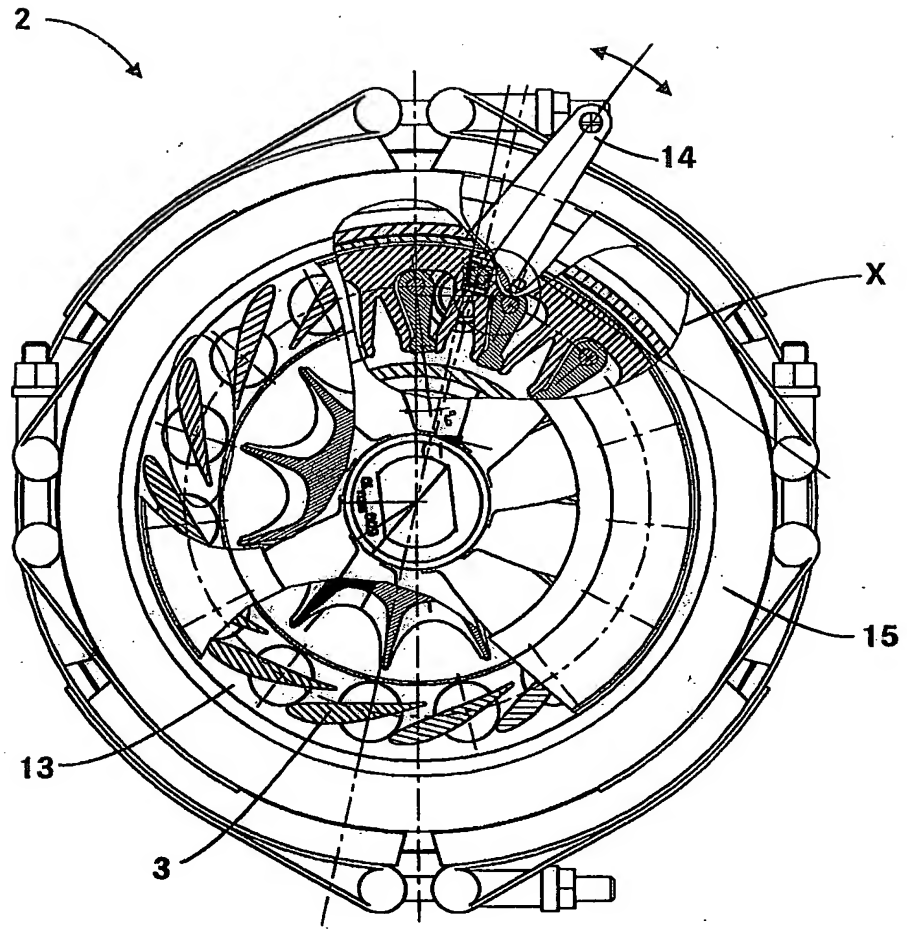


Fig. 3

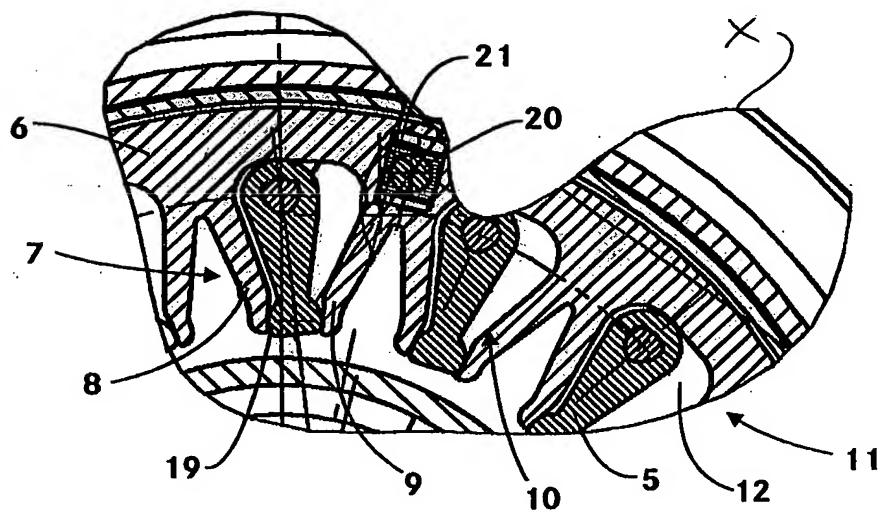


Fig. 4

Detail X